

St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke
5th Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024
10:30 Family Service – Eucharist



Christ the Vine

Artist Unknown (in the Style of Angelos Aktantos) c. 1400 -1600

Gathering of the Community

Welcome - Land Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving

Creator, you made all people of every land in your image,
and entrusted them with the care of the earth.

**It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect
to those who first occupied this land we are upon.**

**We give thanks to the Huron-Wendat,
Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations,
and the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation:
the first peoples of this land.**

**We offer our respect
to those ancestors who may be buried in this land.
We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land.**

**Creator let us be of Good Mind
to reconcile the mistreatment of this land
and those who have been displaced.**

**We give thanks for Indigenous voices
in our Anglican Church of Canada.**

**Give us attentive ears to hear them,
and sincere and open hearts
that we may embrace the work of reconciliation
to which you call your Church.**

**With thankful and respectful hearts,
we pray in Your name,
Your Son the Peacemaker
and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.**

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

Hymn 482 *Come and Journey with a Saviour*

- 1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.**

Refrain

**Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.**

2. **Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.**

Refrain

3. **Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.**

Refrain

4. **Come and journey, journey outward,
where the cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.**

Refrain

5. **Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.**

Refrain

6. **Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the build of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.**

Refrain

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you give us the Son as the vine,
apart from whom we cannot live.
Nourish our life in his resurrection,
so that we bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking Open the Word

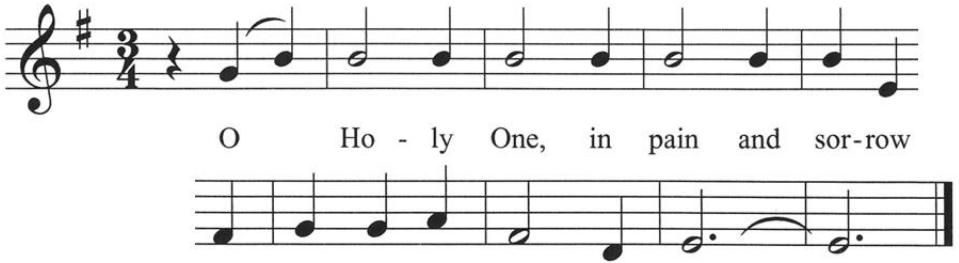
The Reading: 1 John 4.7 — 21

Readers: Precious and Patience

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.



O Ho - ly One, in pain and sor-row

we know we can turn to you. ———

You who revere the Holy One, praise the Holy One!

You descendants of Jacob, honour your God!

All Israel, stand in awe of the Holy One!

for the Holy One does not scorn the downtrodden,
nor shrink in loathing from their plight.

God does not hide from them,
but answers when they call for help.

♪ **O Holy One, in pain and sorrow we know we can turn to you.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will fulfil before those who revere the Holy One.

The poor will eat and be satisfied.

Those who seek our God will offer their praises.

May their hearts live forever!

♪ **O Holy One, in pain and sorrow we know we can turn to you.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember,
and return to the Holy One.

All families of the nations shall bow down before God.

Surely sovereignty belongs to the Holy One,
who rules among the nations.

All at death's door shall bow down to God alone.

All going down to the dust shall kneel to the Divine Majesty.

I shall live for the Holy One.

♪ **O Holy One, in pain and sorrow we know we can turn to you.**

Posterity will worship the Holy One;

generations to come shall be told of the Holy One.

They will come and proclaim divine justice.

To people yet unborn they will proclaim what God has done.

♪ O Holy One, in pain and sorrow we know we can turn to you. (*repeats*)

♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: John 15.1 — 8

Reader: Oma

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Affirmation of Faith

Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the God of life and goodness,
In the Christ who brings us home,
In the Spirit who comforts and keeps us,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In our many gifts for serving,
In the call of each disciple,
In the church whose work is love,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the saints who pray for us,
In the scriptures that bring us truth,
In the sacraments that give grace,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

In the hope of resurrection,
In the rising to eternal life,
In the dawning of God's reign,
Alleluia, we believe!

And, believing, we sing "Alleluia!"

May we ever be true to all we believe,

And, our song ever be "Alleluia!" Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Sunday School

The prayer bell calls us into silence

We pray for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and for our Mayor Olivia Chow.
Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for Father Mike and Deacon Greg, Tracy, Charles, Nigel, Dirk,
the wardens and volunteers.
Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for teachers and for nurses and doctors.
Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the Earth, ourselves, people who are lonely, people who are
sick especially Elizabeth, Chuck, David, and Jane, and for people in need.
Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

We pray for church members, together with their families, our families, Grandma and grandfather, aunts and uncles, moms and dads, brothers and sisters, our cousins. And we remember those who have died, especially Alex Campbell and Bill Shuya.

Faithful God,
hear our prayer.

We pray people of all faiths, and for people in countries which are undergoing war.

Faithful God,
hear our prayer. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The prayer bell calls us into silence

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – once we were no people,
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace we now share with each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

The Offertory

The Presentation of the Gifts

Timothy and Kyle

 *We Are One In the Spirit*

1. **We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord. (*repeat*)
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**
2. **We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand. (*repeat*)
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

3. **We will work with each other
we will work side by side. (*repeat*)
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**

4. **All praise, Great Creator,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
the only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one;
and they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.**



Alleluia! Where Shall We Go?

**Alleluia! Where shall we go?
Alleluia! Where shall we go?
You have the words that we need to know!
Alleluia! Where shall we go? (*repeats*)**

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,



**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.

In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us
in the sacrament of bread and wine.

I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.

Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself to you;
never let me be separated from you. Amen.


Server: Bawo

Assistant: Oma

Hymn 56 *I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life*

- I am the bread, the bread of life;
who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
who feeds on me will never die.
And as you eat, remember me
my body broken on the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.**

2. I am the vine, the living vine;
apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine;
abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me
my blood was shed upon the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive for evermore.
3. So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you,
that you may live for evermore.

 *You Are the Vine*

You are the vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding in You
You are the vine
We are the branches
Keep us abiding in You

And we'll go and we'll go
In Your love in Your love
And we'll go and we'll go
In Your name in Your name
That the world, that the world
Will surely know, will surely know
That You have power to heal and to save

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Sanctuary flowers today are to the honour and glory of God, and are given in loving memory of Douglas Farrell by Donna

Final Blessing

May Christ who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy in believing and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 425 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

1. **Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love,
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
2. **All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**
3. **Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

Alleluia!

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

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